

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masumi Sakai

Application No.: 09/779,125

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Title: FURNACE-TYPE ATOMIC

ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER

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SEPARATE LETTER TO EXAMINER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Signed: _

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant proposes to amend the original drawings as indicated in red (or highlighted) in the enclosed photocopies. The approval of the Examiner is hereby requested. If there are any questions concerning this matter, please call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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